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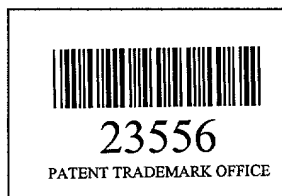
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2. A Specification having a total of twenty-two (22) pages, including a one (1) page Abstract and twenty-three (23) claims.
3. Six (6) sheets of drawings.
4. A fully executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney.
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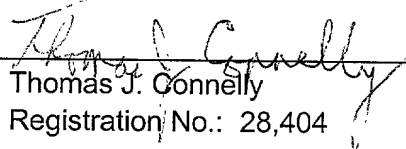
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